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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
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AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of June 30, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-187377.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2003-187377 is being submitted herewith. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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